BILSTON ST LUKE (?1846-....)

Parish History

The parish of **BILSTON ST LUKE** was in ?1846 formed from a part (-----) of **BILSTON ST LEONARD.**

Description of Church

The church, in Market Street, was built 1852 (largely at the expense of XXXXX) to designs by *Thomas Johnson & Sons of Lichfield* and consecrated DATE. It was closed in 1969 and demolished in 1973.

Type of incumbent

Vicar ?1846-....

Patrons

Crown & Lichfield (alternately)

Parish Registers

The original registers for the period 1849-1951 (Bapts), 1901-1969 (Mar) & 1852-1960 (Bur) are deposited at Staffordshire Record Office. No Bishops Transcripts are recorded at Lichfield Record Office. [GENUKI]

Bells

Special References

►**Richard Jewsbury Heafield c1812-1866** **1846-1866**
b c1812 Measham, Derbys/Leics *son of George Heafield*
m 21 Sep 1852 Kenilworth, Warwicks: Mary Snewing; (aged 39, b London) 1861 C
d *aged 54* cNov 1866 Wolverhampton RD
(admitted pensioner at St Catharine's, Cambridge) 6 May 1841
(matriculated) Michs 1841
(B.A.) 1845
(M.A.) 1848
(ordained deacon by Chester) 1845
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1845
(Stipendiary Curate, Manchester St James) 1845
(Vicar, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1846-d
- (aged 48, b Measham, Derbys, of "St Luke's Parsonage", Bilston "Vicar") 1861 C
chn: Richard S. Heafield (aged 5, b Bilston) 1861 C
Mary Ann Heafield (aged 3, b Bilston) 1861 C
George E, Heafield (aged 2, b Bilston) 1861 C
Ann Maria Heafield (aged 11m, b Bilston) 1861 C

"St Luke's Church, which is to be built in Pinfold Street, is not yet commenced, though for nearly two years about £5000 has been at the disposal of the committee for the erection of it and the Parsonage House and School. It is expected that the church will be erected in 1851, and for the present divine service is performed by the vicar of St Luke's District Parish, in a temporary wooden church, in Coseley Street. The living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the Crown and the Bishop of Lichfield alternately, and incumbency of the Rev RJ Heathfield, MA." [WHITE 1851]

►Christopher Beckett Twiss c1822-1872 **1866-1872**
c 7 Jan 1822 Wolverhampton St Peter *son of James Twiss and Sarah (.....)*
d *aged 50* cAug 1872 Wolverhampton RD
(at St Bees Theological College)
(at University of Edinburgh)
(ordained deacon by York) 1850
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1851
(Perpetual Curate, Willenhall St Anne, Staffs) 1861-?1866
(Vicar, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1866-d

►Henry Thomas Snepp c1822-1899 **1872-1880**
d *aged 77* cFeb 1899 East Preston RD, Sussex
(at King's College, London)
(ordained deacon) 1849
(ordained priest by Gloucester & Bristol) 1850
(Vicar, Bilston St Mary, Staffs) 1866-72
(Vicar, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1872-80
- (in bad health, his Curate in charge) 1877-80
(in retirement of Birchfield, Birmingham) 1885

►William Prosser c1833-1917 **1880-1911**
b c1833 *son of William Prosser of Monmouth St Mary clerk and Sophia (.....)*
m1 Dec 1858 York: Emily dau of Frances Ullathorne linen-draper ....-1850 and Sarah Hey (White); (?but had no chn); d *aged 36* 21 Mar 1876 "Elm Cottage", Merridale Street, Wolverhaampton
m2 Oct 1890 Bath Holy Trinity: Amy Sophia dau of James Kennedy (Major-General) and Eliza Madelina only surviving child of W. Turner (Captain)
d 25 Jun 1917 "Sylvanhaye", Radford Road, Leamington ; i Bilston Cemy
(aged 18, matriculated from Jesus, Oxford) 13 Mar 1851 [FOSTER]
(educated at King William's College, IOM)
- (head of school) 1850-1
(S.C.L. [? summa cum laude], Magdalen Hall, Oxford) 1855
(B.A.) 1856
(ordained deacon by York) 1855
(Stipendiary Curate, Hessle, Hull) 1855-7
(ordained priest by York) 1856
(M.A.) 1857
(Stipendiary Curate, Durham St Nicholas) 1858-60
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Leven, Fife, N.B.) 1863-8
(Vicar, Ashby Folville, Leics) 1866-8
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Wrockardine, Salop) 1868-74
(Stipendiary Curate, Wolverhampton St James, Staffs) 1874-7
(Chaplain, South Staffordshire General Hospital [The Royal Hospital]) 1874-7
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1877-1880
(Vicar, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1880-Jul 1911
- (instituted) 30 Jun 1880
(Surrogate)
(gave his name to Prosser Street, Bilston)

(brother of Eleanor Bond Prosser who worked in the parish)
(in retirement of Leamington)

"On the 25th inst at Sylvanhaye, Radford Road, Leamington, Rev. William Prosser M.A. Funeral Service in St. Luke's Church, Bilston, Friday 12 noon. Interment Bilston Cemetery 12.45. Will local and district clergy please note". [Express & Star 28 Jun 1917]

This window and tablet were provided by Subscribers in loving memory of the late William Prosser, M.A. for 34 years Incumbent of this Church which he beautified by many personal Gifts. He endeared himself to all by his loving Service. [Proposed window inscription]

►James Grovenor Halford 1874-.... **1911-1923**
b cAug 1874 Stourbridge RD, Worcs
(at Hatfield College, Durham)
(B.A.) 1893
(L.Th.) 1894
(M.A.) 1896
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1897
(Stipendiary Curate, Caverswall, Staffs) 1897-1904
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1898
(Stipendiary Curate, West Bromwich St James, Staffs) 1904-7
- (of 14 Bridge Street, Wednesbury) 1906
(Stipendiary Curate, Darlaston St Lawrence, Staffs) 1907-11
(Vicar, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1911-23
(Vicar, Leek St Luke, Staffs) 1923-p1936

1923-1934

►Leslie George Barron c1889-.... **1934-....**
(ordained priest by Chelmsford) 1914
(Vicar, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1934-....

Assistant Clergy

►William Henry Wilson c1837-?1895 ***1870***
**** Entry might confuse men of the same name*
b c1837 *son of Henry Wilson of London*
[? d *aged 57* cNov 1895 Hampstead RD]
(admitted pensioner at Queens', Cambridge) 6 Jul 1858 [VENN]
(matriculated) Michs 1858
(B.A.) 1861 OR 1862
(ordained deacon by Ely) 1861
(Stipendiary Curate, Clifton Campville[-cum Chilcote], Staffs) 1861
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1862
(M.A.) 1865 OR 1866
(Stipendiary Curate, Frome Selwood, Soms) 1869-71
*[? **(Stipendiary Curate, Bilston St Luke, Staffs)***
*- (as **William Wilson**, in office) 1870 [CLERGY LIST]*
(said to be a priest in the diocese of Birmingham)
(converted to Roman Catholicism) 1870
[? (as W.H. Wilson, a Roman Catholic priest, on sick leave, of 45 Upper Park Road, London NW) 1890 [CATHOLIC DIRECTORY]

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►**William Prosser c1833-1917** **1877-1880**
(Stipendiary Curate, in charge, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1877-1880
[see above]

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►**Arthur Fitzroy Courtenay Vosper-Thomas 1869-....** **1895-1898**
b *as Arthur Fitzroy C Thomas* cNov 1869 Wimborne RD, Dorset
(at Jesus College, Oxford)
(B.A.) 1894
(ordained deacon by Lichfield) 1895
(ordained priest by Lichfield) 1896
(Stipendiary Curate, Bilston St Luke, Staffs) 1895-8
(Stipendiary Curate, Moxley, Staffs) 1898-1905
(Stipendiary Curate, Clothall, Herts) 1905-9
(licenced to preach in the diocese of St Alban) 1907
(Stipendiary Curate, Alderton) 1910-1
(Stipendiary Curate, East Rushton) 1911-5
(Rector, Ridlington, Norwich) 1911-p1920

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